

WEEKLY EPITAPH.  
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LOCAL SPLINTERS.

The display by the fire department yesterday was most creditable to our city.

The Denver Tribune has favored us with one of its valuable annuals, for which it is our duty to accept our thanks.

The Commercial job office has been removed into Toole's new block, on Fifth street, nearly opposite their old office.

The weather for the last week has been beyond expectation for this season of the year. Sunday and Monday were like May last January.

The total number of tons of ore and coal worked in Nevada for the twelve months commencing October 1, 1880, and ending September 30, 1881, was 453,728 tons.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Reception at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—New-Year's day has been generally observed, the Executive Mansion, as usual, being the scene of great interest. The east room, red, blue and green parlors, were all thrown open. Linen was stretched upon the carpets of the hall parlors, but the rich carpets of the main hall remained exposed to view. Palms and other tropical plants filled the spaces between the doors and main hall, and several magnificent floral pieces adorned the east room and blue and green parlors. The full marine band was stationed in the corridor between the east room and main ante-room, and played several marches and overtures during the reception. Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. James, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Robeson, the ladies who were to receive with the president and members of the cabinet and their wives, assembled in the Blue room, where they were soon joined by President Arthur and Secretary Frelinghuysen. The diplomatic corps were then received. Each minister was presented to the president by the secretary of the state, and the minister then presented the secretary to the ladies of the legation. Allan Hawayan, now dean of the corps, with his young daughter, was the first to be presented. The following countries were represented: Germany, Hayti, Turkey, Japan, Sweden and Norway, France, Mexico, Portugal, Guatemala, San Salvador, Russia, Bolivia, Chili, Spain, Belgium, Great Britain, Peru, Venezuela, Austria, Denmark, Brazil and China.

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Two Lovers.

BY GEORGE ELIOT.

Two lovers by a moss-grown spring— They loved soft cheeks together there, Mingled the dark and sunny hair, And heard the wooing thrushes sing, O, budding time! O, tender prime!

Two wedded from the portal step— The bells made happy carollings, The air was soft as fanning winds, White petals on the pathway slept, O, purest love! O, tender prime!

Two faces o'er a cradle bent— Two hands above the head were locked; These pressed each other while they rocked, Those watched a life that love had sent, O, solemn hour! O, hidden power!

Two parents by the evening fire— The red light flared about their knees, On mingled that rose by slow degrees, Like buds upon the lily spine, O, patient life! O, tender strife!

Two still sat together there, The red light shone about their knees, But all the next day, by slow degrees, Had gone and left that lonely pair, O, vanished past! O, vanished past!

The red light shone upon the floor, And made the space between them wide, They drew their chairs a little more, Their pale cheeks joined, and said "Once more!" O, memories! O, past that is!

Ancient Architecture.

Virgil's Chronicle.

The Labyrinth of Egypt, described by Herodotus, was an edifice of two stories, containing 1500 rooms in each. "The upper chambers," he says, "I myself passed through and saw, and found them to excel all human productions."

The Temple of Karnak is termed by Mr. Ferguson "the noblest effort of architectural magnificence ever produced by the mind of man." It is computed to have been four times as large as Notre Dame; with a hall supported by 134 columns, each as big as the column Vendome and as high as the Obelisk.

Nineveh was seventy miles in circumference, but ranked below Babylon, where Oriental magnificence reached its culminating point. The account of the vastness of the buildings of the latter city and the amount of precious metals lavished on the decorations is confirmed by recent discoveries.

The household of Darius comprised 15,000 persons. Two immense palaces were occupied by the queens and concubines of the Persian monarch. The glory of Persian architecture and decorative art was the palace of Persepolis, built by Darius, with its marble staircase which ten horsemen could mount abreast, and its clusters of columns which were compared to forests of lotus and palm trees. The most ancient pagoda, constructed when Brahmanism was at its height, are profusely ornamented with sculptured images of remarkable elegance. The temples of Elora are the grandest ruins known, and reveal a magnificence to which the present age affords no parallel.

Solomon's temple was overlaid within with pure gold, on floors, walls and ceilings. The hinges of the doors were of gold and the woodwork of cedar, exquisitely carved. All of that Mormonistic king's drinking vessels were of gold, which was a drug with that luxurious monarch. The Queen of Sheba gave him 120 talents of gold; his navy brought him 420 talents from Ophir; and the weight of gold received by him in one year was 666 talents.

The Rustlers Rustle Helm's Horse.

From Mr. H. H. Tuttle, of the Tombstone corral, we have learned the following facts about the robbing of Helm's horse ranch, in Cochise's old stronghold, last Saturday night. On Friday last Mr. Tuttle let a span of horses and light wagon to a couple of gentlemen to go over into the Dragoons, about two and a half miles above Helm's ranch to look after some mining claims. On Saturday night they were camped in the pass above the ranch when about 11:30 o'clock in the night, they were awakened by the rushing of a band of horses past their tent. They jumped up and ran out and saw three men on horseback driving the horses before them at a full run. They immediately dressed and went down the canyon about three hundred yards to where their horses were picketed and found them gone. They then picked up their blankets and traps and went down to the ranch and gave the alarm. In the morning it was found that the larger part of the horses were gone—supposed to be about forty head stolen. Three men from the ranch started in pursuit, and one of the men from Tombstone got a horse and came to town and notified Sheriff Behan, who immediately telegraphed to his deputy in Wilcox, and we believe also at Galeyville, for them to raise forces and go in pursuit. No word had been received, that we are aware of, up to last night, from the pursuers.

The Ball.

The ball given by Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 in Schieffelin hall last evening was one of the most successful and enjoyable affairs of the season. The attendance was very good, though not quite as large as might be expected considering the strength and popularity of the department. Great taste was shown in decorating the hall, festooning, streamers, banners, emblems, and appropriate mottoes, all adding their assistance to grace the scene. Dancing was kept up to excellent music until the "wee, sma' hours" were well advanced, and when the gathering dispersed it was with the unanimous conviction that a firemen's ball is just the place for first-class amusement.

A Definitive Official.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27.—The mayor, with several city officials, including members of the finance committee, visited the jail this noon to confer with Auditor Palmer concerning his defalcation. He stated off-hand that there were greater frauds than had yet come to light, but could not give details. He assumed entire responsibility for the defalcation and

Electric Light at Butte.

From the Butte Miner, 15th.

Last evening the new Hochhausen electric light was tested at the Moulton works and found in every way satisfactory.

Mr. W. H. Clark has procured burners for seven lights for the Moulton, and they will be at once properly arranged for the illumination of the interior of the mill and hoisting works. The power is furnished by the 300 horse-power pumping engine, which will, of course, be kept constantly in operation, and will thus supply force largely in excess of what will be for some time required for the pumps and the Moulton light. This superfluous power can be admirably utilized for electric lights at prominent points throughout the city of Butte, and small burners in addition in stores and houses. The proposition is perfectly feasible, and if taken up and promoted by the citizens, will doubtless be promptly put into execution by Mr. Clark. The very fact that there is an excess of power—over what is immediately needed at the Moulton works, will enable the company to illuminate Butte by electricity at an expense far less than that now incurred.

The light would be utilized for outside illumination, and the incandescent burners, by which the light may be subdivided, and reduced to any desired size and degree of intensity, for interior use.

Negotiations are pending between Mr. Clark and the Eastern electric companies with a view to the introduction of the electric light into Butte. Nothing that could happen to this city would give it as great an impetus towards its destined career of business and mining prosperity as the speedy perfection of this admirable plan. We hope that our citizens will at once see the advantage of entering heartily into this plan, and signifying their hearty appreciation of the idea.

Five lights were suspended last evening in the hoisting works, and in a short time light will be arranged and suspended in the mill.

Fire will be lighted to-day in the mill, and preparation made for starting it in full operation very shortly.

No Chance for Close Estimates.

Ans. in Tex. Siftings.

The following incident goes to show very forcibly the condition of the road near Laredo. As the stage containing nine passengers was about to start from the terminus of the I. & G. N. R. R., twenty miles distant from Laredo, one of the passengers, a clergyman from Boston, stuck his head and some of his neck out of the stage window and asked the driver when they would arrive at Laredo. The driver, who is always willing to furnish reliable data about Texas, replied with his usual "Damfino." "But, my dear fellow," remonstrated the clergyman, "there is no occasion for profanity. Can't you approximate the hour when we shall arrive at our destination?"

"You will arrive at your destination—quick if you don't hold up your hands when the mail agents tell you to."

"I am at a loss to comprehend your meaning."

"How can I tell you when we are going to get to Laredo? It all depends on the robbers. There are nine passengers and a big mail, and if there is only one robber it will take him right smart time to sort out the mail and collect the watches and such. If there are two or three of them, having had so much experience, they won't take more than twenty minutes, if they don't have to stop and shoot some of you for not holding up your hands."

The horrified stranger pulled in his head, and an hour afterwards the usual collection was taken up. The long and short man, however, returned the clergyman his watch, out of respect for his sacred calling, and the small value attached to a nickel-plated timepiece.

Arizona Camels.

From the Journal, December 24.

Some years ago a number of camels were brought to this territory, by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, under the supposition they would do better service than horses or mules in traversing the barren wilds through which that road was to pass. However, after trial they did not meet the expectation of their owners and were soon turned loose. Since then they have thrived remarkably well, and increased in numbers. Occasionally one was caught or killed by the Indians, but a greater portion were unmolested. Not long ago Mr. R. B. Smith, of North Rase, Wayne county, New York, conceived the idea of obtaining a number for Sells Bros.' circus, having ascertained that they could be secured more convenient and at less expense than if imported from their native country. Having made a satisfactory contract with the Sells Bros. he came here not long ago, and succeeded, with the assistance of Pancha, chief of the Navajos, in corraling nine camels, about forty five miles from Gila Bend, at a cost to him of about \$500, and much finer specimens of the species than are exhibited in the traveling menageries. Mr. Smith passed through this city Thursday evening with his

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Five lights were suspended last evening in the hoisting works, and in a short time light will be arranged and suspended in the mill.

Fire will be lighted to-day in the mill, and preparation made for starting it in full operation very shortly.

No Chance for Close Estimates.

Ans. in Tex. Siftings.

The following incident goes to show very forcibly the condition of the road near Laredo. As the stage containing nine passengers was about to start from the terminus of the I. & G. N. R. R., twenty miles distant from Laredo, one of the passengers, a clergyman from Boston, stuck his head and some of his neck out of the stage window and asked the driver when they would arrive at Laredo. The driver, who is always willing to furnish reliable data about Texas, replied with his usual "Damfino." "But, my dear fellow," remonstrated the clergyman, "there is no occasion for profanity. Can't you approximate the hour when we shall arrive at our destination?"

"You will arrive at your destination—quick if you don't hold up your hands when the mail agents tell you to."

"I am at a loss to comprehend your meaning."

"How can I tell you when we are going to get to Laredo? It all depends on the robbers. There are nine passengers and a big mail, and if there is only one robber it will take him right smart time to sort out the mail and collect the watches and such. If there are two or three of them, having had so much experience, they won't take more than twenty minutes, if they don't have to stop and shoot some of you for not holding up your hands."

The horrified stranger pulled in his head, and an hour afterwards the usual collection was taken up. The long and short man, however, returned the clergyman his watch, out of respect for his sacred calling, and the small value attached to a nickel-plated timepiece.

Arizona Camels.

From the Journal, December 24.

Some years ago a number of camels were brought to this territory, by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, under the supposition they would do better service than horses or mules in traversing the barren wilds through which that road was to pass. However, after trial they did not meet the expectation of their owners and were soon turned loose. Since then they have thrived remarkably well, and increased in numbers. Occasionally one was caught or killed by the Indians, but a greater portion were unmolested. Not long ago Mr. R. B. Smith, of North Rase, Wayne county, New York, conceived the idea of obtaining a number for Sells Bros.' circus, having ascertained that they could be secured more convenient and at less expense than if imported from their native country. Having made a satisfactory contract with the Sells Bros. he came here not long ago, and succeeded, with the assistance of Pancha, chief of the Navajos, in corraling nine camels, about forty five miles from Gila Bend, at a cost to him of about \$500, and much finer specimens of the species than are exhibited in the traveling menageries. Mr. Smith passed through this city Thursday evening with his